

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION**

DUSTIN IAGULLI,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	No. 3:13-cv-139
vs.)	
)	
FREDERICK J. HANNA &)	
ASSOCIATES, P.C.,)	JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREON
)	
Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, DUSTIN IAGULLI, by and through his attorneys, LUXENBURG & LEVIN, LLC, and for his Complaint against the Defendant, FREDERICK J. HANNA & ASSOCIATES, P.C., Plaintiff alleges and states as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for damages for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (hereinafter the “FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, and the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act (hereinafter the “OCSPA”), Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01, *et seq.*

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction arises under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* Venue lies properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), as a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claim occurred within this District.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff is an individual who was at all relevant times residing in Toledo, Ohio.

4. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), as he is a natural person allegedly obligated to pay a debt.

5. At all relevant times, Defendant acted as a “debt collector” within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), in that it held itself out to be a company collecting a consumer debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff.

6. The aforementioned alleged debt is a “debt” within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5), in that it is an alleged obligation of Plaintiff to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance and/or services which are the subject of the transaction were primarily for personal, family and/or household purposes.

7. On information and belief, Defendant is a professional corporation of the State of Georgia, which is licensed to do business in Ohio and which has its principal place of business in Marietta, Georgia.

COUNT I

(Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act)

8. Defendant, through its agents, representatives and/or employees, began contacting Plaintiff during or about the calendar year of 2012 in attempts to collect the aforementioned alleged debt.

9. On or about October 26, 2012, Plaintiff sent Defendant a letter requesting for all communications from Defendant with regard to the alleged debt to cease, and further requested for verification and/or validation of the alleged debt. A copy of said letter is attached hereto as Plaintiff’s Exhibit 1.

10. Thereafter, Defendant's agents, representatives and/or employees placed telephone calls to Plaintiff's parents, in further attempts to collect the alleged debt, including but not limited to on or about November 30, 2012 at 9:43 a.m.

11. Defendant's agents, representatives and/or employees had no reason to place telephone calls to Plaintiff's parents, as Defendant already was in possession of valid contact information for the Plaintiff himself.

12. In its attempts to collect the aforementioned alleged debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:

- a. Communicating with a person other than Plaintiff more than once in connection with the collection of the alleged debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692b(3);
- b. Communicating with someone other than Plaintiff in connection with the collection of the alleged debt without a proper purpose, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b);
- c. Continuing to communicate with Plaintiff after Defendant was notified in writing that he refused to pay the debt and/or that he wished for Defendant to cease further communication with him; and
- d. By acting in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner and failing to comply with the FDCPA.

13. As a result of Defendant's violations as aforesaid, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and emotional distress.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DUSTIN IAGULLI, respectfully prays for a judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for each violation of the FDCPA;
- b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff; and
- c. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

COUNT II

(Violation of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act)

14. Plaintiff hereby adopts, re-alleges and incorporates by reference all allegations set forth above as though fully rewritten here.

15. Defendant's actions in attempting to collect the alleged debt from Plaintiff as described above constitute a "consumer transaction" as defined in Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01(A).

16. Defendant is a "supplier" as defined in Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01(D), as Defendant is in the business of effecting or soliciting consumer transactions.

17. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01(C), as he is a person who engaged in a consumer transaction with a supplier, the Defendant herein.

18. Defendant's actions and omissions described above constitute unfair, deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices, in violation of Ohio Rev. Code §§ 1345.02 and 1345.03, and the substantive rules promulgated under the OCSPA.

19. Defendant, through its agents and employees, knowingly committed the unfair, deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices described above.

20. As a result of Defendant's unfair, deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer, various damages which include, but are not limited to the categories of damages described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DUSTIN IAGULLI, respectfully prays for a judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. Statutory damages of \$200.00 for each violation of the OCSPA;
- b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff; and
- c. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Civil Rule 38, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues in this action, except for any issues relating to the amount of attorneys' fees and litigation costs to be awarded should Plaintiff prevail on any of his claims in this action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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